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FACING PAGE Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING _____ 01/01/07 _AND ENDING ___ MM/RESHINGTON, DO MM/DD/YY A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: OFFICIAL USE ONLY NEXT Financial Group, Inc. FIRM ID. NO. ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.) 2500 Wilcrest Drive, Suite 620 (No. and Street) 77042 Houston Texas (State) (Zip Code) NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RECEIVED B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION MAR 2 5 2008 INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Repo BRANCH OF REGISTRATIONS CF & Co., L.L.P. EXAMINATIONS (Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name) 14175 Proton Rd. Dallas TX(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code) **CHECK ONE:** Certified Public Accountant APR 0 2 2008 Public Accountant Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions. FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2).



OATH OR AFFIRMATION

-	ge and belief the accompanying financial statement and support	swear (or affirm) that, to the best of rting schedules pertaining to the firm of as of December 31, 2007, are true
and correct.	I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that	partner, proprietor, principal officer or
	ANA GARCIA My Commission Expires June 8, 2009	Signature Chief Financial Officer
_£	La Lancia Notary Public	Title
	report** contains (check all applicable boxes): (a) Facing page. (b) Statement of Financial Condition.	
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	Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhi (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Fir solidation. (l) An Oath or Affirmation.	
	 (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report. (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to Independent auditor's report on internal control 	have existed since the date of the previous audit.

^{**}For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

NEXT FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

REPORT PURSUANT TO RULE 17a-5(d)

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders NEXT Financial Group, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of NEXT Financial Group, Inc. as of December 31, 2007, and the related statements of income, changes in stockholder's equity, changes in liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors, and cash flows for the year then ended that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of NEXT Financial Group, Inc., as of December 31, 2007, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in the Schedules I and II is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

CF & Co., L.L.P.

CF460,LLP

Dallas, Texas March 20, 2008

NEXT FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2007

<u>ASSETS</u>

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,884,424
Receivable from broker-dealers and clearing organizations	2,820,714
Marketable securities	146,815
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	725,608
Receivable – related party	1,831,703
Salesmen loans receivable	1,443,622
Other assets	1,116,957
	<u>\$ 10,969,843</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	
Liabilities Accounts payable and accrued expenses Commissions payable Securities sold, not yet purchased	\$ 1,105,144 3,922,073 135,722 5,162,939
Stockholder's equity Common stock, 5,000 shares authorized with \$.01 par value, 5,000 shares issued and outstanding Additional paid-in capital Retained earnings Total stockholder's equity	50 3,658,508 2,148,346 5,806,904 \$_10,969,843

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NEXT FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. Statement of Income For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

Revenues	
Commissions income	\$ 92,047,838
Investment advisory fees	18,920,847
Other revenue related to securities	3,036,661
Interest income	300,361
Total revenues	114,305,707
Expenses	
Salaries and other employment costs	7,053,958
Commissions and clearance paid other brokers	97,773,118
Communications	579,325
Occupancy and equipment costs	829,851
Promotional costs	4,196,302
Regulatory fees and expense	34,269
Other expenses	1,771,923
Total expenses	112,238,746
Net income before income taxes	2,066,961
Provision for income taxes	704,296
Net income	<u>\$ 1,362,665</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NEXT FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. Statement of Changes in Stockholder's Equity For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	Common Stock Shares Issued	Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Total
Balance at December 31, 2006	5,000	\$ 50	\$3,658,508	\$ 785,681	\$4,444,239
Net income				1,362,665	1,362,665
Balance at December 31, 2007	5,000	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$3,658,508</u>	<u>\$_2,148,346</u>	<u>\$5,806,904</u>

NEXT FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated

to Claims of General Creditors For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

Balance at December 31, 2006	\$ -0-
Increases	-0-
Decreases	
Balance at December 31, 2007	\$0-

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NEXT FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Net income	\$1,362,665
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net	
cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation	374,487
Change in assets and liabilities:	
Increase in receivable from broker-dealers	
and clearing organizations	(553,196)
Decrease in marketable securities	314,308
Increase in receivable – related party	(1,100,535)
Increase in other assets	(570,019)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	468,969
Increase in commissions payable	597,338
Increase in securities sold, not yet purchased	134,122
Net cash provided by operating activities	_1,028,139
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Loans made to salesmen	(1,435,066)
Loan payments received from salesmen	633,110
Purchase of property and equipment	(431,320)
Net cash (used) by investing activities	(1,233,276)
Cash flows from financing activities:	
Net cash provided by financing activities	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(205,137)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	3,089,561
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$2,884,424</u>
Supplemental disclosures:	
Cash paid during the year for:	
Income taxes	<u>\$ 586,896</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2007

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

NEXT Financial Group, Inc. (the "Company") is a broker-dealer in securities registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). The Company is a Virginia corporation. The Company operates under (SEC) Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii), whereby a clearing broker-dealer performs clearing functions for all broker/dealer transactions with customers and brokers and dealers on a fully disclosed basis. The Company also has agreements for clearing functions with other various mutual fund and variable annuity brokers. The Company receives commissions on trades that are facilitated through the clearing broker-dealer and other brokers.

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of NEXT Financial Holdings, Inc. ("Holdings").

Security transactions (and related commission revenue and expense) are recorded on a trade date basis. Commission revenue and related expenses from the sale of mutual funds are recorded on a trade date basis.

Securities readily marketable are carried at market value as determined by quoted market prices and securities not readily marketable are carried at fair value as determined by management of the Company. The increase or decrease in net unrealized appreciation or depreciation of securities is credited or charged to operations.

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Total advertising costs incurred for the year ended December 31, 2007 were \$228,006 and are reflected in promotional costs.

Compensated absences have not been accrued because the amount cannot be reasonably estimated.

Property and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

From time to time, the Company advances funds to its registered representatives. Management reviews notes receivable balances for collectability and any amounts deemed uncollectible are directly written off.

NEXT FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2007

Note 1 - <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>, continued

Income taxes are provided for the tax effects of transactions reported in the financial statements and consist of taxes currently due. The provision for federal income taxes differs from the expected amount using statutory rates because certain expenses included in the determination of net income are non-deductible for tax reporting purposes. Deferred taxes are also recognized for operating losses that are available to offset future taxable income, subject to a valuation allowance.

For purposes of reporting cash flows, the Company has defined cash equivalents as highly liquid investments, with original maturities of less than ninety days, that are not held for sale in the ordinary course of business.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2 - Net Capital Requirements

Pursuant to the net capital provisions of Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 the Company is required to maintain a minimum net capital, as defined under such provisions. Net capital and the related net capital ratio may fluctuate on a daily basis. At December 31, 2007 the Company had net capital of approximately \$522,103 and net capital requirements of \$335,148. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 9.63 to 1. The Securities and Exchange Commission permits a ratio of no greater than 15 to 1.

Note 3 - Possession or Control Requirements

The Company does not have any possession or control of customer funds or securities. There were no material inadequacies in the procedures followed in adhering to the exemptive provisions of (SEC) Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii) by promptly transmitting all customer funds and securities to the clearing broker who carries the customer accounts.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2007

Note 4 - Income Tax Matters

The Company is a member of a group that files a consolidated federal tax return. Accordingly, income taxes payable to (refundable from) the tax authority is recognized on the financial statements of the parent company who is the taxpayer for income tax purposes. The members of the consolidated group allocate payments to any member of the group for the income tax reduction resulting from the member's inclusion in the consolidated return, or the member makes payments to the parent company for its allocated share of the consolidated income tax liability. This allocation approximates the amounts that would be reported if the Company was separately filing its tax return. The result of these allocations is reported on the accompanying balance sheet under the caption "Receivable – related party" as the liability due the Parent of \$606,000 was netted against receivables owed the Company.

The Company also recognizes deferred tax assets on deductible temporary differences and deferred tax liabilities on taxable temporary differences. Temporary differences are the differences between the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and their tax bases. As those differences reverse, they will enter into the determination of future taxable income included in the consolidated tax return. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of changes in tax laws and rates on the date of enactment.

Deductible temporary differences relate primarily to certain accrued expenses and taxable temporary differences relate primarily to property and equipment.

Note 5 - Operating Leases

The Company leases office space in Houston, Texas. In February, 2008, the Company obtained additional office space and superseded its previous lease agreement. The new lease agreement provides for an allowance of \$577,028 for leasehold improvements. Rental expense will be calculated on a straight-line basis. The new lease is expected to begin in June 2008, for a six-year term, with renewal options for two additional five-year terms.

The following is a schedule by years of future minimum rental payments required under operating leases that have initial or remaining noncancelable lease terms in excess of one year:

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2007

Note 5 - <u>Operating Leases</u>, continued

Year ending	
December 31,	
2008	\$ 440,063
2009	637,016
2010	645,342
2011	653,670
2012	661,997
Thereafter	1,015,894
	\$ <u>4,053,982</u>

Rental expense for the year ended December 31, 2007 was \$374,397 and is reflected in occupancy and equipment costs.

Note 6 - Employee Benefits

The Company has a 401(k) savings plan for all employees who have completed one month of service. The plan allows the Company to make discretionary matching contributions, as well as additional discretionary contributions. The Company made contributions of \$116,967 to the plan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

Note 7 - Property and Equipment

The classes of property and equipment are as follows:

Furniture and fixtures	\$ 234,477
Computer equipment and software	1,662,579
Leasehold improvements	52,223
	1,949,279
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,223,671)</u>
	\$ <u>725,608</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2007 was \$374,487 and is reflected in occupancy and equipment costs.

Note 8 - <u>Salesmen Loans Receivable</u>

The Company has 51 unsecured promissory notes receivable from its registered representatives. The notes are generally payable within a year in equal monthly installments of principle plus interest at annual interest rates ranging from 0% to 7.5%. All of the outstanding notes mature at various times during 2008 and 2009.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2007

Note 9 - Concentration Risk

At December 31, 2007, and at various other times during the year, the Company had cash balances in excess of federally insured limits of \$100,000.

Note 10 - Commitment and Contingencies

The Company has been named, along with other defendants, in arbitration proceedings and lawsuits incidental to its securities business. As of December 31, 2007, the plaintiffs in these cases were seeking damages of approximately \$8.4 million. Through March 20, 2008, the Company settled three of these, with alleged damages of approximately \$3.0 million, for approximately \$140,000.

For the remaining lawsuits, management intends to present a vigorous defense. The ultimate outcome of these proceedings and lawsuits cannot presently be determined. As of December 31, 2007, the Company has accrued \$150,000 related to the remaining open lawsuits and \$140,000 for the settled lawsuits as noted above.

Included in the Company's clearing agreement with its clearing broker-dealer is an indemnification clause. This clause relates to instances where the Company's customers fail to settle security transactions. In the event this occurs, the Company will indemnify the clearing broker-dealer to the extent of the net loss on any unsettled trades. At December 31, 2007, management of the Company had not been notified by the clearing broker-dealer, nor were they otherwise aware, of any potential losses relating to this indemnification.

Note 11 - Related Party Transactions

The Company transacts some of its insurance sales through NEXT Financial Insurance Agency of Texas, Inc. (the "Affiliated Entity"). By agreement, the commission income of \$1,867,226 on these transactions was transferred to the Company. Also, the Affiliated Entity transferred the total commission expense of \$1,867,226 to the Company, resulting in a net amount of zero. Creditors of the Affiliated Entity do not have any recourse against the assets of the Company

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Holdings. At December 31, 2007, the Company had a receivable from holdings of \$1,831,703 as reflected under "Receivable – related party" on the balance sheet.

The Company and Holdings are under common control and the existence of that control may create operating results and financial position different than if the companies were autonomous.

Supplemental Information

Pursuant to Rule 17a-5 of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

as of

December 31, 2007

Schedule I

NEXT FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission As of December 31, 2007

COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL

Total owner's equity qualified for net capital		\$5,806,904
Add:		
Other deductions or allowable credits		
Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities		5,806,904
Deductions and/or charges		
Non-allowable assets:		
Receivable from broker-dealers and		
clearing organizations	\$ 37,521	
Property and equipment	725,608	
Salesmen loans receivable	1,443,622	
Other assets	1,116,957	
Receivable – related party	1,831,703	
Deficits in clearing account	7,169	(5,162,580)
Net capital before haircuts on securities positions		644,324
Haircuts on securities (computed, where applicable,		
pursuant to rule 15c3-1(f))		
Money market accounts	96,896	
Undue concentration	25,325	(122,221)
Net capital		\$ 522,103
AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS		
Items included in statement of financial condition		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		\$1,105,144
Commissions payable		3,922,073
Commissions payable		_3,922,013
Total aggregate indebtedness		\$5,027,2 <u>17</u>

Schedule I (continued)

NEXT FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission As of December 31, 2007

COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

Minimum net capital required (6 2/3% of total aggregate indebtedness)	<u>\$ 335,148</u>
Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer	<u>\$ 250,000</u>
Net capital requirement (greater of above two minimum requirement amounts)	<u>\$_335,148</u>
Net capital in excess of required minimum	<u>\$ 186,955</u>
Excess net capital at 1000%	<u>\$19,381</u>
Ratio: Aggregate indebtedness to net capital	9.63 to 1

RECONCILIATION WITH COMPANY'S COMPUTATION

The differences in the computation of net capital under Rule 15c3-1 from the Company's computation are as follows:

Net capital per Company's unaudited Focus IIA	\$ 550,588
Increase in haircuts on securities	(86)
Increase in liabilities	(28,399)
Net capital per audited report	\$ 522,103

Schedule II

NEXT FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission As of December 31, 2007

EXEMPTIVE PROVISIONS

The Company has claimed an exemption from Rule 15c3-3 under section (k)(2)(ii), in which all customer transactions are cleared through another broker-dealer on a fully disclosed basis.

Company's clearing firm: Pershing, LLC

Independent Auditor's Report

On Internal Control

Required By SEC Rule 17a-5

Year Ended

December 31, 2007



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders NEXT Financial Group, Inc.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental information of NEXT Financial Group, Inc. (the "Company"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007 in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Company's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including consideration of control activities for safeguarding securities. This study included tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons and recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13
- 2. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial 14175 Proton Road • Dallas, Texas 75244-3604 • Phone: 972-387-4300 • 800-834-8586 • Fax 972-960-2810 • www.cfllp.com

statements in conformity with accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control and the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first and second paragraphs and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures, as described in the second paragraph of this report, were adequate at December 31, 2007, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, and other regulatory agencies that rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

CF & Co., L.L.P.

CF46, LLP

Dallas, Texas March 20, 2008

